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Economic aspects Soviet-Finnish communique PRAVDA, November 25, are following:

(A) USSR ready to allow Finns use Soviet part Saimaa Canal on basis of 50-year lease including adjacent trips on either side necessary for reconstruction and use. Future negotiations will determine width of strip, questions connected with rent of canal and lease of warehousing and transfer facilities in port of Vysotsk.

(B) Protocol on trade deliveries for 1961 signed, envisaging significant increase trade.

(C) Concrete unity of views reached on means for applying principle MFN already existing between USSR and Finland in event Finland associated EFTA.

(D) Possibility of constructing saw mill in Eastern Finland processing timber from USSR will be negotiated.

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Agreement to negotiate provisions for use of Saimaa Canal appears similar to Soviet-Finnish agreement spring 1958.

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